

Minutes Green County Library Board Meeting
5:30pm, August 27, 2018
Brodhead Public Library

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Trustee Neuenschwander
2. **Roll call:** Craig Ellefson, Anita Huffman, Beth Blahut, Ann Mueller, Gary Neuenschwander. Library directors in attendance: Lauren White of New Glarus, Suzann Holland of Monroe, Kara Blue of Albany, and Angela Noel of Brodhead. Mark Ibach from SCLS was also present. Mark Jochem, SCLS Workforce Development Specialist was also present.
3. **Approve agenda:** Trustee Huffman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of minutes from the meeting on June 25, 2018:** Trustee Mueller moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Trustee Huffman. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Board Correspondence:** None.
7. **Library Reports:**
 - a. South Central Library System: Report by Mark Jochem, Workforce Development Specialist. Goals are to find resources for job-seekers coming to libraries, including job boards, information on applying for unemployment, skills development, housing resources, food resources and transportation resources. These resources are available on the SCLS website, under the heading, Member Resources and Services/Workforce Development Resources. Further goals are to assist libraries with programs and to customize these programs to each community. There are three Workforce Development Boards that interact with Green County. The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board plays the greatest role in Green Co. The SW WI Workforce Development Board partners with tech colleges in these endeavors. Workforce development is funded through 2019.
 - b. County Libraries:
New Glarus: Summer reading program details. The NG Library Board is examining sites for their building project. The results of the recent Village Board meeting are that the Glarner Park site is more or less off the table. Ongoing attention to the digitization project.

Monroe: Summer reading program details. Finishing school district audit. More renovations in the works as well as fundraising for those projects. Exploring

the possibility of workplace book deliveries: delivering bins of books.

Brodhead: Summer reading program details. The Brodhead Library Friends group has re-formed. Continued work on the food backpack program in partnership with the school.

Albany: Participation in the summer reading program was disappointing. Maybe the library will discontinue the summer reading program for 2019, but continue to provide special summer events. Digitization project is underway. Strategic planning is ongoing. Facility updates. Evaluating how the library should be involved in the village's efforts to improve the school.

8. **Old/new business**

a. September mixer at Monticello Public Library on Sept 6. Trustee Neuenschwander asked what do we need to get done for the event? Angela Noel said that she is working on the food. Kara Blue said that she will work on beverages. We need to contact the new Monticello library director, Katrina Linde-Moriarty, about logistics. Perhaps we should have name-tags and encourage people to add a favorite book to the tag as a conversation starter.

b. County Board presentation:

Trustee Neuenschwander offered thanks to Trustee Ellefson for doing a brief presentation at the County Board meeting. Everyone discussed an eagerness to do a presentation to the County Board once a year and to perhaps lengthen the presentation by a few more minutes.

c. Budget presentation:

Suzann Holland prepared a draft of the budget for the board to review. Suzann will submit the budget on Sept 1, 2018. Mark Ibach suggested that we should follow what Columbia County Library Board does with their budget request. Their budget request does not list values in terms of 70% or 73% reimbursement rates, rather, they make a request of an increase of 2% based on cost of living increases. Mark also discussed how the budget impacts individual libraries and maybe we should consider approaching the finance committee with a simplified budget request. Trustee Neuenschwander asked if anyone would be willing to make a presentation to the finance committee. Trustee Huffman agreed to do so. Trustee Neuenschander asked, how do we want to adjust the budget for better results and what should Trustee Huffman discuss with the Finance Committee? All present offered their thoughts and it was decided:

1. We should point out that the budget supports services that have already been provided.
2. We should point out that county residents are receiving services at a 30% discount.
3. Consensus on a 2% budget increase was achieved after Trustee Neuenschwander made a motion for the 2% increase and Trustee Mueller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Discuss those WI counties who have reimbursement rates that are 80% and even 100%.

5. Simplify the design of the budget request. Do not offer multiple options in the request. Simply show the 2% increase.

9. **Next meeting:** 5:30pm October 22, 2018, at Monroe Public Library.

10. **Adjourn:** Trustee Huffman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Trustee Mueller seconded the motion. Motion carried.